



2023 Gala
September 30, 2023

In-person 5-9pm

El Corazon Senior Center
3302 Senior Center Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056

Dear Community Supporter:

The theme "Resilience In Solidarity Everyday" for this year's gala is a reflection of the challenging times we all have faced and continue to face. The hate targeted at our community has highlighted the importance of resilience and solidarity in our daily lives. Despite the difficulties, we have seen people come together to support each other and work towards a common goal. This theme is a celebration of the strength and perseverance of individuals and communities, and a reminder that we can overcome any obstacle when we stand together. It is a call to action to continue to support each other and build a more resilient and connected world.

The North County LGBTQ Resource Center is an essential organization that provides a wide range of services to the LGBTQ+ community of which 60% are Trans and Non-Binary and 71% are BIPOC. From support groups to educational programs, the center is a vital resource for those who need it. Without the support of the community, the Center would not be able to provide these services.

Our 2022 Impact Report highlights, in numbers, some of our work:

- In the last 5 years, the Center has invested \$2.8M back into the community.
- 22 people were provided permanent housing.
- 25 people were treated for substance abuse.
- 33 institutions with 1,200 participants were trained in areas such as LGBTQIA Awareness, Trans Identities, Human Trafficking Prevention.
- 88 people served in case management with over 470 people contacted by appointments for case management.
- 98 gender and name changes.
- 156 people are utilizing onsite therapy services.
- 360 families were served through our Foodies and Goodies program.
- 5,200 of Clinical Mental & Behavioral Health hours were provided.

Your support will get us to our \$150,000 goal and fund critical programs, including but not limited to:

Unicorn Homes: Providing crisis and transitional housing to LGBTQ youth (14-22) who are homeless or at risk for homelessness. Unicorn Homes also provides paths to mental health resources, job readiness, life coaching, and independent living skills.

Project Youth: Coordinating programs including The End of Year Prom, GSA Annual Awards, our middle school meet-ups (9-12), the Leadership Summit for youth (12-18), professional development for transitional youth (18-24).

Mental & Behavioral Health Clinical Services: Providing ongoing therapy, supervised by a licensed marriage and family therapist. We also provide trauma-informed therapy for survivors of physical/emotional trauma. Clinical service intakes and referrals are at low or no cost.

Our challenge now is to secure the funding to continue to meet existing needs while preparing to take on the challenges of tomorrow. Please accept that challenge and join us today.

Please contact me or The Center with any questions about your participation in our gala.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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2023 Gala Chair